GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:701
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2015
Electronic Voting Machines
Subbareddy Shri Yerram Venkata

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) have become outdated or likely to become outdated soon in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Election Commission has asked the Government to sanction money for new EVMs to meet the projected requirement for use in future; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE
(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)
(a) and (b): The Election Commission has stated that 9,30,430 Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) would become outdated during the period 2015-16 to 2019-20.
(c) to (d): A proposal for purchase of 13,95,648 Ballot Units (BUs) and 9,30,432 Control Units (CUs) at an estimated cost of Rs. 5511.48 crore during 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 has been received from the Election Commission. The proposal is under consideration of the Government.
ANNEXURE-A
(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The ECI has already proposed to replace the pre-2006 EVMs in a phased manner as under which is under consideration of the Government:-

S. No.	Financial year	Pre-2006 EVMs which are to be phased out	
		Ballot Unit (BU)	Control unit (CU)
1.	2015-16	142631	142631
2.	2016-17	135481	135481
3.	2017-18	190592	190592
4.	2018-19	336045	336045
5.	2019-20	125681	125681
TOTAL		930430	930430

(c) to (d): The Election Commission has requested to sanction the amount for new EVMs to meet the projected expenditure for use in future.
The expenditure in procurement of upgraded post-2006 EVMs to phase out the pre-2006 EVMs purchased from 2000 to 2005, and also for staggered purchse of VVPAT units by the year 2018, based on tentative price of Rs. 7867/-, Rs. 9605/- and Rs. 20347/- per Ballot Unit (BU), Control Unit (CU) and VVPAT unit respectively, will be as under:-

YEAR	ITEM	Qty.	Tentative Price	Total (Rs.)
2015-16	(i) Ballot Units	174000	7867 + Taxes	1611653288
	(ii) Control Units	174000	9605 + Taxes	1967704313
	(iii) VVPAT	58500	20347+ Taxes (as applicable)	1399174172
TOTAL				497,85,31,773

YEAR	ITEM	Qty.	Tentative Price	Total (Rs.)
2016-17	(i) Ballot Units			
	(ii) Control Units			
	(iii) VVPAT			

407216
252144
422250
7867 + Taxes
9605 + Taxes
20347+ Taxes
(as applicable)
3765398416
2846206812
10100463808
TOTAL 1671,20,69,036
YEAR
ITEM
Qty.
Tentative Price
Total (Rs.)
2017-18
(i) Ballot Units
(ii) Control Units
(iii) VVPAT
407216
252144
422250
7867 + Taxes
9605 + Taxes
20347+ Taxes
(as applicable)
3765398416
2846206812
10100463808
TOTAL
1671,20,69,036
YEAR
ITEM
Qty.
Tentative Price
Total (Rs.)
2018-19
(i) Ballot Units
(ii) Control Units
(iii) VVPAT
407216
252144
422250
7867 + Taxes
9605 + Taxes
20347+ Taxes
(as applicable)
3765398416
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TOTAL
1671,20,69,036
YEAR
ITEM
Qty.
Tentative Price
Total (Rs.)
TOTAL
(i) Ballot Units
(ii) Control Units
(iii) VVPAT
13,95,648
9,30,432
13,25,250
7867 + Taxes
9605 + Taxes
20347+ Taxes
(as applicable)
3765398416
2846206812

10100463808
TOTAL
55,11,47,38,881
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